

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3028 without my signature.

While I strongly support the California Coastal Trail, I am concerned that this bill would give permitting agencies excessive authority over conditions on projects by requiring incompatible uses in an effort to accommodate the trail. In most cases, land held by public agencies is held in trust for specific purposes and decisions regarding use of those properties should not be left solely to state permitting agencies.

I do support the development of the trail and the planning aspects of the bill. I encourage the author to work with the Resources and the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agencies to develop legislation that addresses the planning and development of the trail at the regional and state level. Once a comprehensive plan is in place, lawmakers can address methods for acquiring property and providing access to the trail.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger